REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claim 28 has been amended and claims 6-16 have been cancelled. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-5 and 17-32 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5, 17-26 and 29-32 are allowed. Applicants appreciate Examiner's allowance of these claims.

The Examiner stated that dependent claim 28 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 28 to include all limitation of its base claim 27. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass claim 28 for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 6-16 remain rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (US PG Pub 2002/0169923). Applicants have canceled the above claims. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 USC § 102(b), as being anticipated by Chen. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that Chen does not disclose each and every limitation of this claim. Specifically, Chen does not disclose "a storage device, external from the flash memory device, comprising an external copy of the flash driver operable to be accessed by the processor to store data in the code bank," (emphasis added). Although Chen discloses a flash memory 126 and a memory 124, wherein the memory 124 includes a copy of the flash memory driver, but this copy of the flash memory driver is not "operable to be accessed by the processor to store data in the code bank," as claimed. Moreover, Chen does not disclose storing data in the code bank of the flash memory 126, let alone by using the copy of the flash memory driver

resident in the memory 124. In Chen, data is stored only in the data file 136 (See, page 2, paragraph [0015], line 13, and paragraph [0016], line 18, for example), while only the program code is stored in system program 128 of the flash memory 126 (See, page 2, paragraph [0015], lines 9-10, for example).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection and pass claim 27 for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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